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Jan 25, 2005

US-PAT-NO: 6846725

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TITLE: Wafer-level package for micro-electro-mechanical systems

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	KMC	Draw D
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Sep 10, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6447374

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TITLE: Chemical mechanical planarization system

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File: USPT

Jul 5, 1988

US-PAT-NO: 4755270

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4755270 A

TITLE: Method of processing solutions

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	KMC	Draw D
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File: USPT

Nov 23, 1982

US-PAT-NO: 4360706

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4360706 A

TITLE: Electric cables of reduced micro-voids in the extruded insulation

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	MMO	Draw D.
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File: USPT

Mar 31, 1981

US-PAT-NO: 4259281

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4259281 A

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TITLE: Process for reducing micro-voids in the extruded insulation of electric cables

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	MMO	Draw D.
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Sep 28, 2004

US-PAT-NO: 6797135

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6797135 B2

TITLE: Electroplating apparatus

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	KWIC	Draw D.
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☐ 2. Document ID: US 6726964 B1

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File: USPT

Apr 27, 2004

US-PAT-NO: 6726964

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6726964 B1

TITLE: Ultrasonic process for autocatalytic deposition of metal on microparticulate

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	KWIC	Draw D.
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File: USPT

Sep 30, 2003

US-PAT-NO: 6626468

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6626468 B2

TITLE: Pipe joint, its manufacturing method, and fluid device using the same

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	KWIC	Draw D.
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File: USPT

Oct 29, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6471845

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6471845 B1

TITLE: Method of controlling chemical bath composition in a manufacturing environment

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWIC	Draw D
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File: USPT

Apr 16, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6372116

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6372116 B1

TITLE: Method of forming a conductive layer and an electroplating apparatus thereof

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWIC	Draw D
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☐ 6. Document ID: US 5442229 A

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File: USPT

Aug 15, 1995

US-PAT-NO: 5442229

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5442229 A

TITLE: Metal lead-film carrier assembly having a plurality of film carriers, and film carrier-semiconductor chip assembly and semiconductor device containing such metal lead-film carrier assembly

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWIC	Draw D
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☐ 7. Document ID: US 4467154 A

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File: USPT

Aug 21, 1984

US-PAT-NO: 4467154

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4467154 A

TITLE: Gravity switch and method of making same

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWIC	Draw D
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☐ 8. Document ID: US 3969544 A

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File: USPT

Jul 13, 1976

US-PAT-NO: 3969544

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 3969544 A

TITLE: Method for plating metallic workpieces, particularly aluminum

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	IMC	Unsub
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TITLE: Metal lead-film carrier assembly having a plurality of film carriers, and film carrier-semiconductor chip assembly and semiconductor device containing such metal lead-film carrier assembly

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Full	Title	Creation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	PMC	Draw
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Dec 28, 2004

US-PAT-NO: 6835331

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6835331 B2

TITLE: Conductive composition

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KMC	Draw D
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☐ 2. Document ID: US 6680081 B2

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File: USPT

Jan 20, 2004

US-PAT-NO: 6680081

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6680081 B2

TITLE: Conductive powder and making process

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KMC	Draw D
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☐ 3. Document ID: US 6673533 B1

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File: USPT

Jan 6, 2004

US-PAT-NO: 6673533

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6673533 B1

TITLE: Multi-array multi-specific electrochemiluminescence testing

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KMC	Draw D
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Nov 26, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6485831

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6485831 B1

TITLE: Conductive powder and making process

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Dec 26, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6165912

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6165912 A

TITLE: Electroless metal deposition of electronic components in an enclosable vessel

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	KMC	Draw D
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☐ 6. Document ID: US 4529451 A

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File: USPT

Jul 16, 1985

US-PAT-NO: 4529451

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4529451 A

TITLE: Zinc phosphate coated metal and process of producing same

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	KMC	Draw D
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Dec 26, 2000

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DATE-ISSUED: December 26, 2000

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Verhaverbeke; Steven	Radnor	PA		

US-CL-CURRENT: 438/758; 257/E21.174, 427/123, 427/125, 427/304, 427/305, 427/347, 427/383.1, 427/437, 427/438, 427/443.1, 427/560, 427/601, 427/99.1, 427/99.5, 438/678

## CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method of electrolessly depositing a metal onto an electronic component comprising:

(a) loading a plurality of electronic components in an enclosable single vessel;

(b) forming an activation solution comprising at least one seeding agent, wherein the activation solution is substantially free of oxygen;

(c) feeding the activation solution into the vessel, contacting the electronic components in the vessel with the activation solution for a first contact time, and removing the activation solution from the vessel, wherein the activation solution is contacted with the electronic components a single time, without reuse of the activation solution;

(d) forming a metal deposition solution comprising at least one source of metal ions, at least one reducing agent, and oxygen;

(e) feeding the metal deposition solution into the vessel and contacting the electronic components in the vessel with the metal deposition solution for a second contact time to deposit metal onto the surfaces of the electronic components, wherein the metal deposition solution is contacted with the electronic components a single time, without reuse of the metal deposition solution;

(f) exposing the electronic components to sonic energy for at least a portion of the second contact time; and

(g) removing the metal deposition solution from the vessel.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the activation solution or the metal deposition solution, or both are formed in-line by combining at least one stream of a concentrated stored solution with a stream of deionized water to form a stream of the activation solution or the metal deposition solution that is fed into the vessel.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the metal deposition solution is formed in-line by combining at least a stream comprising the source of metal ions, a stream comprising the reducing agent, and a stream of deionized water to form a stream of the metal deposition solution that is fed into the vessel.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the metal deposition solution stream further comprises at least one pH adjusting additive and at least one metal complexant.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the metal complexant and pH adjusting additive is present in the stream comprising the source of metal ions or is combined separately with the stream comprising the source of metal ions and the stream comprising the reducing agent.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the source of metal ions provides metal ions selected from the group consisting of copper, cobalt, nickel, gold and combinations thereof.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the metal ions are copper ions.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the seeding agent contains at least one compound, element or ion of palladium or combinations thereof.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein the activation solution or the metal deposition solution, or both are removed from the vessel by direct displacement with another process liquid.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the activation solution is directly displaced by the metal deposition solution.

11. The method of claim 9 wherein the activation solution is directly displaced by a rinsing liquid and the rinsing liquid is directly displaced by the metal deposition solution.

12. The method of claim 1 further comprising contacting the electronic components with a rinsing solution after contacting the electronic components with the activation solution and prior to contacting the electronic components with the metal deposition solution.

13. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of rinsing the electronic components during or after the removal of the metal deposition solution from the vessel.

14. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of drying the electronic

components in the vessel using a drying fluid stream.

15. The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic components are semiconductor wafers and are spaced in the vessel from about 1/2 pitch to about 1/4 pitch.

16. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of feeding hydrochloric acid into the vessel and removing the hydrochloric acid from the vessel before contacting the electronic components with the activation solution.

17. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of contacting the electronic components with a solution that removes oxide from the surfaces of the electronic components prior to contacting the electronic components with the activation solution.

18. The method of claim 1 wherein the contacting of the electronic components with the metal deposition solution comprises filling the vessel with the metal deposition solution, soaking the electronic components in the metal deposition solution in presence of megasonic energy, and removing the metal deposition solution from the vessel following soaking.

19. The method of claim 1 wherein the contacting of the electronic components with the activation solution comprises passing at least one vessel volume of the activation solution through the vessel and removing the activation solution through direct displacement with another process liquid.

20. The method of claim 1 wherein the oxygen is maintained at a level in the metal deposition solution ranging from about 50 ppb to about 5 ppm.

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